

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 134

By Ketron

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Evan Cope on his election as chairman of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Evan Cope, who was recently elected chairman of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) serves as the coordinating body for Tennessee's fifty-one public colleges and universities, which collectively educate nearly 250,000 students. THEC coordinates the State's two systems of public higher education, the University of Tennessee and the Tennessee Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cope, who represents the Fourth Congressional District, will lead the fifteen-member commission to implement education initiatives in pursuit of Tennessee's "Drive to 55" goal; and

WHEREAS, an attorney and the son of Rutherford County Attorney Jim Cope, Evan Cope is a member of the law firm Cope, Hudson, Reed & McCreary, PLLC; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Memphis School of Law, he has deep family roots in education. His grandfather, Quill Evan Cope, served as Tennessee's education commissioner from 1952 to 1958 and as the president of Middle Tennessee State University from 1958 to 1968; and

WHEREAS, Evan Cope is wholly committed to the noble precepts of higher education that have earned Tennessee national recognition, and he should be recognized on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Evan Cope upon his election as the chairman of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, and wish him much continued success in his new role.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.